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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed March 7, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This invention was made with Government support from the National Institutes of Health, grant number CA62242. The Government has certain rights in the invention. --

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 6.

Please amend claims 1-5, 7-10, and 15 as follows:

-- 1. (Amended) A method of quantitating IL-1 β in a bone marrow preparation comprising:

a) determining the amount of IL-6 produced by stromal cells cultured with said bone marrow preparation; and

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